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## **Innovative Iowa Drug-Fighters Honored**

DES MOINES – Honorees selected to receive the State's first annual "Innovation, Determination and Excellence in Action" (or IDEA) award for reducing substance abuse include a police chief in southeast Iowa and a community coalition in western Iowa.

"The first recipients of this prestigious new award are Sigourney Police Chief Allan Glandon and the Pottawattamie County coalition Partners for Meth Prevention," announced Gary Kendell, Director of the Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP). "Chief Glandon and Partners for Meth Prevention, in their own ways, have risen above and beyond the norm to reduce substance abuse in their communities," said Kendell.

The IDEA award was created by ODCP to recognize individuals and organizations for exemplary service and leadership that demonstrably improves the health and safety of lowans through innovative prevention, enforcement or other drug control initiatives.

Sigourney Police Chief Allan Glandon is being honored for innovative leadership that included adoption of the State's first local keg registration ordinance that subsequently led to a reduction in underage binge drinking in the Sigourney area.

Partners for Meth Prevention is being honored for building and sustaining multi-jurisdictional collaborations involving numerous citizen volunteers and organizational partners in the Council Bluffs-Omaha area to prevent meth and other drug abuse.

"Chief Glandon and Partners for Meth Prevention are to be applauded, not only for thinking 'outside the box,' but for actions that have made it healthier and safer to live in their communities," said Kendell.

ODCP officials will present IDEA awards to the winners in their respective communities during ceremonies to be scheduled at a later date.

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